



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HARRISBURG

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THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable James Greenwood  
2436 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Greenwood:

I am writing to thank you for your efforts to develop provisions in the Medicare Prescription Drug bill to allow PACE to continue to be the primary source of drug benefits for qualifying seniors in Pennsylvania. As of early 2004, we expect approximately 325,000 Pennsylvania seniors to be in the PACE program, and we owe it to all of them to ensure the program on which they rely continues to work for them.

As the Medicare drug benefit legislation had been in development, our goals have been to ensure seniors in the PACE program would be able to benefit from the new federal benefit without experiencing any changes in the way they obtain prescription drugs and without being forced through a bureaucratic process along the way. Federal legislation must allow for a seamless transition for PACE beneficiaries while at the same time allowing PACE to expand its prescription drug program and services to more of our seniors.

I am informed that the language in the Medicare drug benefit bill achieves our major goals relating to the PACE program. This is good news for our constituents and I appreciate very much all the hard work you and others in the Pennsylvania delegation did to make this happen.

Should the legislation ultimately be enacted, I look forward to working with you and Secretary Thompson to make sure the PACE-related provisions are implemented as we all believe they should be.

Thank you again for your efforts on behalf of Pennsylvania's seniors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell  
Governor